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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOVIET POLITICAL DELEGATION TO EGYPT

1. ON NOVEMBER 27, SOVIET POLITICAL DELEGATION HEADED BY NIKOLAY KIRICHENKO, FIRST SECRETARY OF UKRANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, ARRIVED IN CAIRO FOR WEEK-LONG VISIT. DELEGATION MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT MAHMOUD FAWZI, PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEAKER HAFEZ BEDAWI, AND ASU FIRST SECRETARY HAFEZ GHANEM, AMONG OTHER OFFICIALS, AND VISITED ALEXANDRIA NOVEMBER 29 AND 30.

2. VISIT WAS MARKED BY HEAVY PRESS PLAY GIVEN TO ITS ACTIVITIES AND TO STATEMENTS MADE BY KIRICHENKO HIMSELF. MOST OF THESE ASSERTED AND REASSERTED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE AND STANDARD SOVIET POSITION ON NEED FOR FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. DECEMBER 4 PRESS NOTED THAT ON PREVIOUS DAY KIRICHENKO

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"WARNED ISRAEL AND HER SUPPORTERS AGAINST PROCRASTINATION

AND PREVARICATION" IN ACHIEVING A JUST PEACE IN ME AND
CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S "AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT." VISIT ENDED
WITH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DECEMBER 4 EXPRESSING "APPRECIATION
OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE FOR SOVIET UNION'S POLITICAL, MILITARY
AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO EGYPT" AND SOVIET EXPRESSION OF
APPRECIATION FOR HEROISM OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. COMMUNIQUE
ENDED ON NOTE OF JOINT OPTIMISM IN "FUTURE OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY AND ASU, IN A MANNER THAT
WOULD STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEM... ."

3. COMMENT: COMING AT THIS TIME, IMPORTANCE OF DELEGATION'S
VISIT LIES AS MUCH IN ITS FORM AS ITS CONTENT. EGYPTIANS
ARE QUITE CLEARLY AT PAINS TO SHOW WARMTH AND APPRECIATION
FOR SOVIET LARGESSE AND SOOTHE SOVIET SENSITIVITIES ABOUT
THEIR POSITION IN EGYPT IN WAKE OF SECRETARY'S NOVEMBER VISIT.
SOVIET OFFICIALS ALSO CLAIM VISIT WAS SCHEDULED PRIOR TO
OCTOBER 6 HOSTILITIES.
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